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SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

SESSION OF 1885,

HELD IN PURITY CHURCH, CHESTER, S. C.,

Commencing Wednesday, October 21st.

PURITY CHURCH,
CHESTER, S. C., October 21st, 1885,
8 O'clock P. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment in Purity Church, Chester, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. S. White, from I Timothy iii, 15: "The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was formally called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The following members were

PRESENT:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. H. Saye, D. Harrison, Jas. Douglass, W. W. Ratchford, J. L. Wilson, L. R. McCormick, J. C. McMullen, H. B. Pratt, J. S. White, W. G. White, T. R. English, D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, R. A. Webb, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. R. McAlpine, W. B. Jennings, George Summey, J. P. Marion—19.

ELDERS—P. M. Spence, Aimwell Church; J. L. Davies, Beersheba; T. J. Nichols, Bethel; J. J. Moore, Bethesda; T. B. Ratch-

ford, Bullock's Creek; R. P. Folkes, Carmel Hill; J. B. Dixon, Catholic; J. J. Smith, Clover; J. M. Blaine, Concord; R. L. Hickland (2*), Douglass; P. Garrison, Ebenezer; G. H. Neely, Fishing Creek; A. R. Banks, Fort Mill; J. A. Hoke, Harmony; A. W. Hickland, Hopewell; J. W. Ashford, Horeb; G. McC. Witherspoon, Lancasterville; W. A. McDowell, Lebanon; S. McCormick, Longtown; John McAfee (2), Mizpah; S. R. Johnston, Mt Olivet; E. B. Robbins, Mt. Pleasant; W. B. Love (2), Olivet; W. D. Knox, Pleasant Grove; J. Hamilton, Purity; A. H. White, Rock Hill; I. N. Withers, Scion; R. A. Latimer (2), Smyrna; Thos. R. Nisbet, (2), Tirzah; J. R. Schorb, Yorkville; E. M. Atkinson, Zion; G. C. Gill, Richburg—32.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. L. Girardeau, C. S. Vedder (2), G R. Brackett, J. R. Dow, W. F. Junkin, J. B. Mack, R. A. Mickle, W. F. Thompson, R. A. Lapsley, W. Howell Taylor, C. E. Chichester, Edwin Muller, W. G. Vardell, A. A. Morse—14.

ELDERS—B. F. Wyman, Aiken Church; J. A. Smyth (2), 2nd Church, Charleston; F. W. McMaster, 1st Church, Columbia; T. E. Cairns, Ebenezer; D. T. Pope, Edisto Island; Mortimer Glover, Orangeburg; A. S. Bedon, Walterboro; H. E Shepherd, Westminster—8.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—A. A. James, T. H. Law, D. A Tood, J. W. Query, M. C. Britt (2)—5.

ELDERS—R. C Farr (3), Cane Creek Church; R M. Otts, Centre Point; D. R. Anderson, Fairview; H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs; S. R. Todd, Laurens C. H.; N. J. Holmes, Lisbon; E. G Wright, Nazareth; R. J. Stoddard, New Harmony; Thos. Stenhouse, Piedmont; Jas. Bell, Rocky Spring; S F. Estes, Salem; W T. Russel, Spartanburg; W A. Nicholson (2), Unionville; J F. Dorroh, Washington Street; J. J. Vernon, Wellford—15.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. G. Richards, Jas. McDowell, H. M. Brearley, W. A. Gregg, J. E. Dunlop, N. W. Edmunds (2), Robert Bradley, J. S. Cozby; D. S. McAllister, H. G. Gilland, R. D. Perry, J. G. Law, J. L. McLin, W. W. Mills, T. C. Whaling, W. S. Bean (2), T. F. Boozer, D. X. Lafar—18.

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* The figures indicate the day of enrollment of those members not enrolled at the opening.

ELDERS—W. D. Ussery (2), Beaver Creek Church; J. B. Jennings, Bennettsville; Murdoch McRae (2), Carolina; W. L. T. Prince, Cheraw; J. J. James, Darlington; Jas McCutchen, Indiantown; W. Dixon, Liberty Hill; Jos. B. Wilson, Lynchburg; W. D Johnson, Marion; A. L. Shaw, Mayesville; H. W. Bradley, Mt. Zion; J. D. Smith, Red Bluff; J. D Blanding (2), Sumter; J. M. Carson, Tirzah; J. F. Kelly, Turkey Creek; W. D. Rhodes, Salem—16.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. B. Adger, W. F. Pearson, D E. Frierson, R. A. Fair, T. C. Ligon (2), R. C. Ligon (2), S. L. Morris, H. C. Fennel, W. G. Neville, J. McL. Seabrook, W. T. Matthews, A. M. Hassell—12.

ELDERS—R. H. Wardlaw, Abbeville Church; G. F. Tolly (2), Anderson; Silas Johnstone, Aveleigh; J. O. Turnipseed, Mt. Bethel; G. McD. Miller, Ninety Six; O. M. Doyle, Seneca; J. W. Williams, Pelzer—7.

ABSENT:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—L. W. Curtis, J. W. Spratt, J. G. Hall—3.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Allison Creek, Beth Shiloh, Cedar Shoal, Ramah, Salem, Six Mile Creek, Waxhaw, Beulah, Calvary—9.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. B. Dunwody, T. P. Hay, F. Jacobs, S. H. Hay, S. I. Woodbridge—5.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Allendale, Barnwell, Beaufort, Beach Island, Charleston 1st Church, Harmony, James Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Mt. Pleasant, New Wappetaw, Langley, Port Royal, Stony Creek, Summerville, Wilton, Barhamville, Richland—17.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—C. B. Stewart, R. H. Reid, W. P. Jacobs (excused), R. H. Nall, B. G. Clifford, J. Y. Fair (excused), C. L. Stewart, T. B. Craig—8.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Antioch, Bethany, Clinton, Duncan's Creek, Enoree, Fair Forest, Friendship, Grindall Shoals, Liberty Springs, Lickville, Limestone, Little River, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor (G.), Mt. Tabor (U.), Mt. Vernon, North Pacolet, Old Fields, Shady Grove, Woodruff's—20.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. Leighton Wilson, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, H. C. DuBose, W. J. McKay (excused), W. C. Smith, E. G. Smith, H. B. Garriss, W. B. Corbett—9.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Bethel, Beulah, Bishopville, Brewington, Camden, Centre Point, Concord, Fair Pope, Florence, Great Pee Dee, Hephzibah, Hopewell, Kentyre, Kingstree, Little Pee Dee, Manning, Midway, New Harmony, Pine Tree, Pisgah, Reedy Creek, Summerton, Union, Wedgefield, Williamsburg, Lake City, Dunbarton, Richmond—28.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—J. O. Lindsay, J. R. Riley, H. McLees, F. P. Mullally —4.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED—Belton, Bethel, Bethia, Carmel Central, Cokesbury, Ebenezer, Edgefield, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope, Greenville, Greenwood, Honea Path, Hopewell, Lebanon, Liberty, Little Mountain, Midway, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Townville, Pickens C. H., Pickens, Pendleton, Providence, Retreat, Richland, Roberts, Rock, Rocky River, Smyrna, Upper Long Cane, Varennes, Walhalla, Westwinster, Williamston, Willington, Troy, Tugaloo, Warrenton—40.

The Rev. W. W. Mills was unanimously elected Moderator, and Rev. W. A. Gregg Assistant Clerk.

The following brethren were invited to sit as Corresponding Members: Rev. Jas. Woodrow, D. D., Synod of Georgia; M. H. Houston, D. D., Synod of Kentucky; J. K. Hazen, D. D., and R. E. McAlpine, Synod of Alabama; Mason W. Pressley, Associate Reformed Synod, and H. Nelson Payne, Synod of Iowa.

The following special orders for to-morrow were, on motion, adopted:

For 10 a. m.—To hear the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

For 10:45 a. m.—To hear the Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication, in the interests of that cause.

At 11:30 a. m.—To hear the Rev. Dr. Houston, Secretary of Foreign Missions, in behalf of that cause.

It was also resolved that Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, be appointed for a conference upon Foreign Missions.

On motion of Rev. Geo. Summey, the Synod adopted the following as the hours of its daily sessions:

From 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

From 3:30 p. m to 5:30 p. m. (excepting to-morrow).

Evening sessions at the discretion of Synod.

On motion Synod adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 22nd, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last evening's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled: Rev. T. C. Ligon; Elder S. F. Estes, Salem Church, Enoree Presbytery; Elder W. D. Ussery, Beaver Creek Church, Harmony Presbytery; Elders R. L. Hickland, Douglass Church; R. A. Latimer, Smyrna; and Thos. R. Nisbet, Tirzah—all of Bethel Presbytery.

On motion of Rev. Geo. Summey, it was resolved that the hour of 10:30 a. m., Saturday, be set for the commencement of the Centennial Celebration, instead of 11 a. m. as appointed by the last Synod.

The Moderator then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Devotional Exercises—Minister, Geo. Summey; Elder, J. Hamilton.

Bills and Overtures—Ministers, J. S. White, G. R. Brackett, A. A. James; Elders, W. D. Johnson, W. T. Russel.

Judicial Business—Ministers, J. S. Cozby, J. L. Wilson, C. E. Chichester; Elders, D. R. Anderson, Silas Johnstone.

Foreign Missions—Ministers, W. T. Thompson, J. B. Adger, J. R. McAlpine; Elders, A. L. Shaw, J. M. Blaine.

Home Missions—Ministers, J. L. Girardeau, Jas. McDowell, W. G. Neville; Elders, P. Garrison, J. F. Dorroh.

Education—Ministers, W. F. Junkin, J. H. Thornwell, J. W. Query; Elders, G. McC. Witherspoon, J. J. James.

Publication—Ministers, J. G. Law, D. E. Frierson, M. R. Kirkpatrick; Elders, S. R. Todd, B. F. Wyman.

Narrative—Ministers, H. B. Pratt, Edwin Muller; Elder, J. M. Carson.

Theological Seminary—Ministers, S. L. Morris, D. E. Jordan, J. G. Richards; Elders, H. E. Shepherd and N. J. Holmes.

Finance—Elders, W. L. T. Prince, F. W. McMaster, J. R. Schorb.

Minutes of Genaral Assembly—Ministers, T. R. English, W. H. Taylor; Elder, Jas. McCutchen.

Leave of Absence—Ministers, J. R. Dow, W. B. Jennings, D. S. McAllister; Elders, R. M. Otts, G. McD. Miller.

Presbyterial Records—

BETHEL—Rev. T. C. Whaling, and Elder D. T. Pope.

CHARLESTON—Rev. R. A. Webb, and Elder W. D. Rhodes.

ENOREE—Rev. A. M. Hassel, and Elder J. J. Moore.

HARMONY—Rev. W. G. White, and Elder O. M. Doyle.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Rev. W. G. Vardell, and Elder A. R. Banks.

Upon the call for communications, the following paper from the Rev. Dr. Jas. Woodrow was read:

COLUMBIA, S. C., October 21st, 1885.

To the Synod of South Carolina, in Session at Chester, S. C.:

At your meeting at Greenville, last October, you adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, the teaching of Evolution in the Theoligical Seminary at Columbia, except in a purely expository manner, without intention of inculcating its truth, is hereby disapproved."

The other three Synods associated with you in the control of the Seminary adopted resolutions expressing their unwillingness that Evolution sbould be taught in the Seminary, and directing the Board of Directors to take whatever steps might be necessary to prevent it.

The Board of Directors met December 10th, 1884, and adopted the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Synods of Georgia, Alabama, and South Georgia and Florida, have disapproved of the views of Professor Dr. James Woodrow on the subject of Evolution, as contained in the Address submitted by him to the Board of Directors in response to their request for him to give fully his views as taught in this institution, and have also instructed the Directors to take steps to prevent the teaching of such views in their Seminary; and whereas, the Synod of South Carolina has disapproved of the teaching of Evolution except in a purely expository manner, without intention of inculcating its truth; and whereas, Professor Woodrow has publicly announced that if he continues to be their professor, he will hereafter teach as probably true the hypothesis of Evolution; and whereas, he is thus disqualified

from remaining as a professor in their Seminary, and thereby rendered incompetent to discharge duties in which he speaks in the name and by the authority of these Synods; therefore, be it,

"*Resolved*, That this Board, in obedience to the above instructions, appoint a committee, consisting of Messrs. Stacy, Webb and Sibley, to wait on Dr. Woodrow and ask for his resignation."

1. This action declaring me "disqualified from remaining as a professor in their Seminary and rendered incompetent to discharge duties in which I speak in the name and by the authority of the Synods" was based, according to its terms, on the statement that "Professor Woodrow has publicly announced that if he continues to be their professor, he will hereafter teach as probably true the hypothesis of Evolution."

The Directors must have believed this statement to be true, or they would not have made it; but in point of fact, the statement was erroneous; for I never made the declaration they have attributed to me, either publicly or privately. I had indeed said that, in teaching Evolution as defined and limited by me, I would be obliged to say what I believe, that it is probably true. But I never expressed any intention to disregard or set at naught the wishes of the Synods that I should not teach on this subject The Board of Directors never asked me or intimated any desire to know whether I would obey the wishes of the Synods or not. I, of course, recognize the right of the Synod, to which the Seminary belongs, to prescribe what subjects shall be there taught and what shall not be taught; and if I had found myself unable to comply with the directions of the Synods when communicated to me, I would have felt it to be my duty to withdraw from my professionship.

Inasmuch, then, as the Board of Directors based its request that I resign upon an erroneous statement, I respectfully request that your venerable body may withhold approval from this action.

2. When the above action was communicated to me, I declined to offer my resignation. The Board then proceeded to consider a resolution providing that I be removed. Pending the consideration of the resolution, the Board adopted the following:

"That Dr. Woodrow be invited to appear before the Board at 7.30 p. m., if he so desire, to show cause why the pending resolution may not be adopted"

I declined this invitation, and the following paper was adopted:

"Inasmuch as the Rev James Woodrow, Perkins Professor, has declined to appear before the Board of Directors to show cause why he should not be removed from his professionship; and inasmuch as he has already had a full hearing in person before three of the Synods, and through his friends and advocates before the fourth Synod; and inasmuch as these Synods have already condemned his views and teachings on the subject of Evolution; and inasmuch as, in his reply to the committee appointed to wait upon him, Dr Woodrow declares his unwillingness to tender his resignation, therefore,

"*Resolved, first* That he be, and hereby is, removed from his pro-

fessorship, according to the authority given this Board. (See Constitution, Sec. 2, Articles 11 and 13.)

"*Resolved, second.* That the Secretary be directed to officially notify Dr. Woodrow of this action"

When I became a professor in your Seminary, I did so under a solemn covenant between the controlling Synods on the one part and myself on the other, as set forth in the Constitution of the Seminary. On my part, I solemnly subscribed the "Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and other standards of government, discipline, and worship of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, as a just summary of the doctrines contained in the Bible, and I promised and engaged not to teach, directly or indirectly, any doctrine contrary to this belief." This promise and engagement I have faithfully kept to this day. I have neither believed nor taught, either in public or in private, anything I engaged not to teach

On the part of the Synods, it was covenanted that I should not be removed from my office except for unfaithfulness to my trust or incompetence to the discharge of my duties; that I might indeed be suspended by the Board, the Synod's agent, but only until my case could be fully tried (Const., Sec. 2, Art. 11). The action of the Board above recited attempts to remove me from my professorship without the full trial guaranteed to me in the covenant.

In view of this attempted violation of this covenant which you entered into with me, I respectfully request that your venerable body may withhold its approval from this action also.

Your fellow-servant,

JAMES WOODROW.

On motion, the paper was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary, with instructions to consider the same and report at as early an hour as practicable.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. E. M. Richardson, Secretary of Education, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

An overture from the Presbytery of Harmony was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery was also read, in which it was reported that that Presbytery had accepted our invitation to participate in our Centennial Celebration, and that it had appointed representatives to be present on the occasion.

The communication was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements (through its Chairman, Rev. Geo. Summey, pastor of this church) presented as its report the following programme for the Centennial Celebration:

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CENTENNIAL EXERCISES.

VOLUNTARY.

MICAH iv, 1-2: "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it, and many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the laws shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

PRAYER.
By the Rev. John B. Adger, D. D.

COMMEMORATIVE ODE,
By Rev. Chas. S. Vedder, D. D., Pastor of the Huguenot Church, Charleston.
Sing vv. 1, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

HISTORICAL DISCOURSES.
Scotch, or First Church, Charleston, by Rev. W. T. Thompson, D. D., Pastor.
Waxhaw Church, Lancaster County, by Rev. J. H. Saye.
Purity Church, Chester, by Rev. George Summey, Pastor.

HYMN—"Glorious things of thee are spoken."

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES FROM ORANGE PRESBYTERY.
Rev. F. H. Johnston. D. D., Rev. Jas. C. Alexander,
Ruling Elder—Robert Bingham.
SALUTATION OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

ADDRESS BY REV. JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, D. D.

DOXOLOGY.

BENEDICTION.

The following were invited to seats as visiting brethren: Rev. T. E. Wannamaker, J. C. Stoll and A. J. Cauthen, of the M. E. Church, South; and Rev. J. S Brown and R. W. Sanders, of the Baptist Church.

On motion, the first and second special orders provided in the Standing Rules were postponed, that Synod might take up the special orders appointed last evening for this morning; and the special order for 10 o'clock, viz.: the hearing the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary,

was then taken up. This report was read by the Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Dr. Mack.

In this connection, the Clerk read a statement presented by Directors T. H. Law aud W. J. McKay, in which the former put into the Synod's hands his resignation as a Director; and, also, a letter from Judge T. B. Fraser, tendering his resignation as a Director.

All these papers were referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Stated Clerk further called the Synod's attention to the fact that the term of office of Directors Hemphill and McKay expires at this meeting.

The Synod next heard the Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication, in regard to that cause.

The Synod was afterwards addressed by the Rev. Dr. Houston, Secretary, on the work of Foreign Missions.

At the conclusion of his address, on motion of the Rev. Geo. Summey, it was

Resolved, That the Synod be led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. Girardeau, in behalf of the Rev. R. E. McAlpine, who expects soon to sail for Japan, to assist in opening a mission of our Church in that land; and that the Moderator, in behalf of the Synod, express to him its parting salutations.

The resolution was adopted and fully carried out.

On motion, it was resolved that the first and second regular orders for to-day, viz.: the hearing of the reports of the Presbyteries and the conference upon the same, be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 7:30 p. m.

The Synod was called to order by the Moderator.

The following additional members appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled:

Bethel Bresbytery.—Elders W. B. Love, Olivet Church, and John C. McAfee, Mizpah Church.

Harmony Presbytery.—Rev. W. S. Bean and N. W. Edmunds, and Elders J. D. Blanding, Sumter Church, and Murdoch McRae, Carolina Church.

Charleston Presbytery.—Rev. C. S. Vedder, and Elder J. Adger Smyth, 2nd Church, Charleston.

Enoree Presbytery.—Elder W. A. Nicholson, Unionville Church.

South Carolina Presbytery.—Rev. R. C. Ligon, and Elder G. F. Tolly, Anderson Church.

Rev. Dr. Jno. W. Davis and A. P. Nicholson, of the Synod of North Carolina, and Rev Jno. T. Chalmers, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, were invited to seats as corresponding members.

On motion, Synod resolved to hear the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary before proceeding to the order of the day.

Rev. S. L. Morris presented the following report in behalf of the majority of the Committee, which was received:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., would respectfully report to the Synod of South Carolina, that three papers have been submitted to this committee for consideraiton, viz.:

1. A communication of Rev. Dr. Jas. Woodrow touching the action of the Board of Directors in removing him from his professorship in Columbia Seminary.

2. The annual report of the Board of Directors; and,

3. A statement signed by two Directors, Rev. Messrs. T. H. Law, and W. J. McKay, explaining their action in differing from the majority of the Board in certain respects

After careful consideration of the whole case, your committee recommend the following action by Synod:

1, That Synod disapprove of the action of the Board of Directors in requesting the resignation of Prof. Jas. Woodrow, as not being justified by the action of the controlling Synods; nor by any statement made by Prof. Woodrow previous to the action of the Synods.

2. That Synod disapprove of the removal of Prof. Woodrow from his professorship as unconstitutional.

3. That Synod, without calling into question the motives of the Board of Directors, disapprove of the course of the Board in withholding $333.33 of the salary of Prof. W. E. Boggs, upon grounds considered by the Synod insufficient to justify such deduction of salary; and would, therefore, instruct the Board to pay his salary in full.

4. That Synod approve the election of Rev. J. D. Tadlock, D. D., to the chair of Church Government and History, Rev C. C. Hersman, D. D., to the chair of Biblical Literature, and Exegesis of Scripture, and Rev. C. R. Vaughan, D. D., to the chair of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

5. That inasmuch as Mr. G. Vos declined the chair tendered him, the Synod is not called upon to decide concerning the constitutionality of his election

6. That Synod approve of the action of the Board in declining to accept the resignation of Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., and unite with the Board in the earnest request that he shall withdraw his resignation.

7. Respecting the proposed Constitutional amendments, recommended by the Board for the adoption of Synod, we recommend, that No. 1, which is: "Add to Art. 2 of Sec. 1 the following sentence: 'and a concurring majority in one of the others'," be answered affirmatively; that No. 2, which is: "In Section 2, Art. 8, strike out the word two'," be adopted; that No. 3, which is: "Strike out in By-Law 4, the words: 'In South Carolina. A committee to examine semi-annually the assets of the Seminary in Georgia'," be answered affirmatively; that No. 4, which is: "In Sec. 3, Art. 1, add the words 'and Christian Apologetics' after the word 'Revelation'," be answered that we are not prepared at present to adopt the change.

8. That the resignations of Rev. T. H. Law and Elder T. B. Fraser, as members of the Board of Directors, be not accepted; and that Rev. W. J. McKay and Elder Jas. Hemphill, whose terms of office expire at this time, be re-elected for three years.

9. That having examined the records of the Board of Directors, we recommend that they be received as information, and that the Report of the Board be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Morris,
J. G. Richards,
N. J. Holmes.

The Rev. D. E. Jordan presented a report in behalf of himself and Dr. H. E. Shepherd, a minority of the Committee, dissenting from the first three recommendations of the above report, and recommending approval of the Board's action.

This report also was received.

On motion these papers were docketed and their consideration made the first order after the special orders for this evening.

The several Presbyteries presented their Narratives, and the following

Statistical Reports:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 22 ministers and 41 churches. It has under its care one licentiate and three condidates for the ministry. It has organized Calvary Church at Black's Station, in York County, on the Air-Line Railroad. It employs one Evangelist. It has received Rev. J. P. Marion from South Carolina Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Lebanon and Horeb Churches; Rev. L. R. McCormick, from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Zion Church. It has released Rev. W. T. Matthews from the pastoral charge of Zion and Olivet Churches, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of South Carolina. It has released Rev. J. R. McAlpine from the pastoral charge of Aimwell and Longtown Churches, and installed him pastor of Bullock's Creek and Beersheba Churches. It has dismissed Rev. C. R Hemphill, D. D., to the Presbytery of Louisville. It has licensed Mr. S. R. Hope to preach the Gospel. It has lost by death Rev. L. H. Robinson, pastor of Pleasant Grove and Catholic Churches. It has elected Rev. R. A. Webb. Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

R. A. WEBB, Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of 19 ministers and 25 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate. It employs two Evangelists, and almost all our congregations are statedly supplied with the means of grace. It has received from Harmony Presbytery Rev. C. E. Chichester, and he is now laboring in the Mariners' Church, Charleston. It has received Rev. G. J. Griffiths, D. D., from the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), and dismissed him to the Presbytery of St. John's, Florida It has received Rev. A. A. Morse from tho Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and he is now laboring at Coosaw. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. L. Stevens, and the John's Island and Wardmalaw Church, and dismissed Mr. Stevens to the Presbytery of Athens. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. B. Dunwody, and the Wilton Church. It has dismissed Rev. J. D. A. Brown to the Presbytery of Augusta It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Luther McKinnon, and the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, and dismissed Mr. McKinnon to Concord Presbytery. It has ordained Rev. Edwin Muller, and installed him as pastor of the Orangeburg Church. It has ordained Licentiate W. G. Vardell, and installed him as pastor of the John's

Island and Wadmalaw, the Wilton, and the New Wappetaw Churches. It has organized a new Church in Richland County, which is named "Richland Church." It has licensed Messrs. Wm. A. Caldwell and Ephraim C. Murray to preach the gospel, and Licentiate Murray has been transferred to to the care of Concord Presbytery. Licentiate Caldwell has received leave to labor out of our bounds until our spring meeting. It has given leave to the First Church of Columbia to prosecute a call before the Presbytery of Nashville for the pastoral services of Rev. John F. Cannon. It has appointed a commission to organize a church at Coosaw whenever the way is clear to do so.

Rev. Thomas H. Legare has departed this life.

JOHN R .DOW, Stated Clerk.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY reports to Synod that the Presbytery consists of 12 ministers and 35 churches; it has under its care 3 licentiates and 4 candidates. At its late meetings it has licensed Messrs. R. P. Smith, B. P. Reid and W. H. White to preach the Gospel; has received Messrs. Dent W. Brannen and A. Clarke Jennings under its care as candidates for the Gospel ministry. It has appointed commissions to organize churches at Walterloo, Reedy River Factory and Dorroh's, if the way be clear. It has made arrangements to install Rev. T. B. Craig, Pastor of Liberty Springs and Lisbon Churches and Rev. A. A. James, of Mt. Calvary Church. It has put calls from Center Point and Nazareth Churches, into the hands of Licentiate B. P. Reid. It has lost Rev. Z. L. Holmes by death.

W. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY is composed of 27 ministers, and 43 Churches. It has under its care four licentiates and five candidates. Rev. C. E. Chichester has been dismissed to the Charleston Presbytery. Rev. D. X. Lafar has been received into this Presbytery.

Candidates T. P. Burgess, J. M. Plowden, J. S. Brockington and J. F. Lloyd have been licensed to preach the Gospel. J. F. Lloyd, has been dismissed to the care of Memphis Presbytery; J. C. Williams, to the care of Ouachita Presbytery; and W. H. McCullough, to the care of Paris Presbytery. The pastoral relation between Rev. H. B. Garriss and the Fairhope, Lynchburg and Beulah Churches has been dissolved, and he has been installed pastor of the Tirzah, Wedgefield and Summerton Churches. One new church has been organized, under the name of Richmond, with 40 members. The organization of this church led to the dissolution of Elon Church.

W. A. GREEG, Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it is composed of 15 Ministers and

47 Churches, and has under its care 3 candidates for the ministry. It has lost by death Rev. Hugh Strong It has received Rev. A. M. Hassell from the Presbytery of Augusta, and installed him pastor of Smyrna and Mt. Bethel Churches; Rev. W. T. Mathews from Bethel Presbytery, and installed him pastor of Greenwood and Rock Churches and Mr. J R. Riley, under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. It has licensed Mr. John L. McLees to preach the Gospel, and dismissed him to the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. L. Morton and the Abbeville Church, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Memphis, and the pastoral relation between Rev. R. A. Fair and Aveleigh Church, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Enoree. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. G Neville and the Churches of Cokesbury and Ninety-Six. It has installed Rev. J. O. Lindsay, D. D., pastor of Hopewell, Willington and Lebanon Churches; and Rev. J. R. Riley, D. D., pastor of Carmel, Pickens and Mt. Pleasant Churches; it has changed the name of Nazareth (Townville) Church to Townville. It has organized the Churches of Troy, Tugaloo and Warrenton, and appointed a commission to organize at Mt. Carmel. It has granted the Abbeville Church permission to prosecute a call before Bethel Presbytery for Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson; and Westminister and Retreat Churches before East Alabama Presbytery for Rev. R. M. Kirkpatrick. It has invited Rev. J. D. Burkhead, D. D., to become its Evangelist. It celebrated its Centennial April 13th, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Morris, Stated Clerk.

On motion of Rev. J. S. White, it was resolved that the Moderator appoint Special Committees to bring in minutes concerning the brethren whose deaths are mentioned in the above reports.

Rev. T. H. Law, as Clerk of Enoree Presbytery, informed the Synod that the Rev. M. C. Britt had this day been re-received into that body from Macon Presbytery, Synod of Georgia, and he was, therefore, on motion, enrolled as a member of this Synod.

The Moderator then called for reports on Home Missions from the several Presbyteries. Charleston, Harmony and South Carolina Presbyteries presented reports, and verbal statements were made concerning the work in Bethel, Enoree and South Carolina Presbyteries.

Rev. C. E. Chichester, chaplain to the seamen at Charles-

ton, also, by invitation, addressed the Synod in regard to his work.

After hearing these reports and statements relating to the work within our bounds, the Synod, on motion, took up the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, and considered it *seriatim*

On motion, it was resolved to take up first the two recommendations of the majority report relating to the removal of Dr. Woodrow, and consider them together.

A motion was made to adopt these recommendations.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Woodrow was invited to address tho Synod upon this matter, but it was discovered that Dr. Woodrow was not in the house, and this business was, theretore, postponed until to-morrow morning.

The Stated Clerk presented, and Synod referred to the Committee on Finance, the following

Treasurer's Report:

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer, in account with the SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

1885.	Dr.	Cr.
To balance on hand at last Report	$ 7 80	
To assessment of Bethel Presbytery—paid	45 00	
" " " Harmony " "	45 00	
" " " Enoree " "	35 00	
" " " Charleston " "	35 00	
" " " So. Ca. " —In part	35 00	
By net expense of print'g and distribut'g Minutes.		$ 78 25
" salary of Stated Clerk		100 00
" balance in Treasurer's hands		24 55
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Respectfully submitted,
THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

The report of the Society for Superannuated Ministers, etc., was read and on motion referred to a special Committee, consisting of Elders F. W. McMaster, J. A. Smyth and J. Hamilton.

The Moderator announced the following Committees to prepare Minutes concerning deceased brethren:

Rev. L. H. Robinson—Rev. Messrs. R. A. Webb and J. C. McMullen.

Rev. T. H. Legare—Rev. Edwin Muller and Elder Mortimer Glover.
Rev. Z. L. Holmes—A. A. James and Elder S. R. Todd.
Rev. Hugh Strong—Rev. J. McL. Seabrook and Elder O. M. Doyle.

On motion, it was resolved that these Minutes be heard at a memorial service Saturday evening.

On motion, Synod then adjourned till tomorrow morning—prayer by Rev. Dr. Frierson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 23, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. C. E. Chichester.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Elder R. C. Farr, of Cane Creek Church, Enoree Presbytery, appeared, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

A communication from Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Historian of Synod, was read and, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. D. S. McAllister, Rev. J. R. McAlpine and Elder S. R. Todd.

Rev. T. R. English, of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to report: That they find nothing calling for action on the part of Synod, but would call attention to the following action, touching matters to be embraced in Minutes of Synod:—"The Synod ought to record in its Minutes (1) the statistical reports of Presbyteries; (2) its narrative as prepared for the General Assembly, and in this narrative should be embodied whatsoever bears on the state of religion within its bounds." (See Min. Gen. Assembly, p. 404).

T. R ENGLISH, Chairman.

Rev. Geo. Summey, in behalf of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, presented, and the Synod approved, the following

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SABBATH:

Presbyterian Church—Morning, Rev. W. W. Mills, Moderator; Afternoon, Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, to children; Evening, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.; Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., to administer the Communion at the Morning Service; Elders W. L. T. Prince, W. T. Russel, J. B. Jennings and A. Stobo Bedon to serve the tables.

Baptist Church—Morning, Rev. C. S. Vedder, D. D.; Evening, Rev. W. G. Neville.

Associate Reformed Church—Morning, Rev. N. W Edmunds; Evening, Rev. Thos. H. Law.

A. M. E. Church—Morning, Rev. A. M. Hassell.

Colored Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. D. S. McAllister; Evening, Rev. D. A. Todd

The unfinished business, viz.: the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, was taken up. The Rev. Dr. Woodrow opened the discussion, expounding the paper which he had presented; and this business occupied the Synod until recess, the time for which having, on motion, been postponed for a half-hour

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 o'clock p. m.

The unfinished business was resumed.

Rev. Dr. Mack having the floor at the time of recess, continued his remarks. N. J. Holmes, Esq, having first obtained the floor, it was resolved that the speakers on this subject hereafter be limited to 15 minutes.

On motion the Conference on Foreign Missions appointed for this evening was limited to one hour.

Synod took recess till 7:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock p.m.

The Synod re-assembled and spent one hour in the consideration of Foreign Missions, being addressed by the Rev. Jno.

W. Davis D. D., of the Chinese Mission, specially in regard to the work in China. At the close of the address a collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to $100.

The following brethren of the Synod of North Carolina being present, were invited to seats as corresponding members: Rev. Luther McKinnon, R. B. Anderson, D. D., F. H. Johnston D. D., and R. Z Johnson.

Rev. J C. Bissell, of the M. E. Church (South), and Rev L. C. Hinton, of the Baptist Church, were invited to seats as visiting brethren.

The Synod also publicly received and welcomed the Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Elder Robt. Bingham, as delegates sent by Orange Presbytery to represent that body in the Centennial Celebration to-morrow.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion continued until half-past 10 o'clock, when the vote was taken.

On motion the ayes and noes was called and ordered to be recorded. The question being divided, the first recommendation of the report was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—D Harrison, Jas Douglass, L R McCormick, J S White, T R English, J H Thornwell, M R Kirkpatrick, W B Jennings, J P Marion, G R Brackett, R A Mickle, R A Lapsley, Edwin Muller, A A Morse, T H Law, D A Todd, J W Query, J G Richards, N W Edmunds, Robt Bradley, J S Cozby, J. L McLin, W W Mills, T C Whaling, W S Bean, T F Boozer, J B Adger, R C Ligon, S L Morris, H C Fennel, W G Neville, J McL Seabrook, W T Matthews, A M Hassell, J. L Davies, J B Dixon, J J Smith, J M Blaine, P Garrison, A W Hickland, J W Ashford, G M Witherspoon, S. McCormick, J C McAfee S R Johnston, J Hamilton, A H White, I N Withers, J R Schorb, E M Atkinson, G C Gill, J A Smyth, F W McMaster, Mortimer Glover, R C Farr, R M Otts, D R Anderson, H S Simpson, S R Todd, N J Holmes, Jas Bell, W T Russel, W A Nicholson, J J Vernon, W D Ussery, J B Jennings, Jas McCutchen, W Dixon, Jos B Wilson, W D Johnson, A L Shaw, H W Bradley, J D Smith, W D Rhodes, J D Blanding, J M Carson, J F Kellly, R H Wardlaw, G F Tolly, S Johnstone, J O Turnipseed, G McD Miller—82.

Noes—J Lowrie Wilson, W W Ratchford, J C McMullen, H B Pratt W G White, D E Jordan, R A Webb, J R McAlpine, Geo Summey, J L Girardeau, C S Vedder, Jno R Dow, W F Jenkin, J B Mack, W T Thompson, W H Taylor, W G Vardell, C E Chichester, A A James, Jas McDowell, H M Brearley, W A Gregg, J E Dunlop, D S McAllister, H G Gilland, R D Perry, J G Law, D X Lafar, W F Pearson, D E Frierson, R A Fair, T C Ligon, P M Spence, T J Nichols, J J Moore, T B Ratchford, R P Folkes, R L Hickland, G H Neely, A R Banks, J A Hoke, E B Robbins, W B Love, W D Knox,

Thos R Nisbet, B F Wyman, T E Cairns D T Pope, A S Bedon, H E Shepherd, E G Wright, R J Stoddard, Thos Stenhouse, S F Estes, J F Dorroh, M McRae, W L T Prince, J J James, O M Doyle—59.

The second recommendation was adopted by 80 *ayes* to 61 *noes*, the vote being precisely the same, excepting that Rev. Messrs. J. H. Thornwell and N. W. Edmunds voted *no* on this question.

Rev. Dr. D. E. Frierson tendered his resignation as a Director of the Theological Seminary

On motion, Synod adjourned till tomorrow—prayer by the Rev. Dr. Thompson

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FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 9:30 a. m.

The Synod came to order and was opened with devotional exercises. The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, in behalf of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that their action was anticipated by the arrangements made last evening at the instance of Bro. Summey for a Missionary meeting, in which we had the pleasure of hearing a forcible address upon the mission work in China, by the Rev. John W. Davis, and took up a collection of $100; and your Committee now beg to be discharged.

W. T. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Rev. R. A. Webb reported on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, recommending their approval; adopted.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, of the Committee on Home Missions, presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Home Missions respectfully present the following report: From the information furnished to the Synod at its present meeting, it may be collected that in all the Presbyteries commendable progress is making in the prosecution of missionary work in the field lying within our bounds. The Presbytery of Bethel employs an evangelist for the whole of his time; the Presbytery of

Harmony one minister in evangelistic work for a quarter of his time, and has called another for the whole of his time in that labor; the Charleston Presbytery has two evangelists in its field; and the Presbyteries of Enoree and South Carolina, while neither of them employing the services of an evangelist, are doing effective missionary work through their pastors. Our church, by means of these labors, is growing through all our Synodical bounds. This is very gratifying, and calls for thanksgivings to the King of Zion. The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices to know that the Presbyteries are making progress in the effort to supply the destitutions in their bounds, and to advance the cause of our church in the same; and the Synod encourages them to go forward and abound more and more in this noble work.

JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, Chairman.

Rev. D. S. McAllister, of the Special Committee appointed to consider the communication of the Historian of Synod, presented the following which was adopted:

CHESTER, S. C., Oct. 24th, 1885.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs:

DEAR BRO:—The Synod of South Carolina greatly regrets your inability to appear in person at this meeting as its chosen historiographer. It cordially accepts your idea that the task laid upon you involves a two-fold work as stated in your letter, viz.: the completion of the valuable annals of Dr. Howe, and the preparation of a brief popular history of Presbyterianism in South Carolina. And, in accepting the idea, it most gladly allows you to take up and follow out the second of these parts of your task, as it has already authorized the first part. May God's blessing attend your efforts.

Very truly yours,

D. S. MCALLISTER, Chairman.

Rev. J. S Cozby, of the Judicial Committee, reported that no business had come into its hands and asked that the committee be discharged. Granted.

Rev. H. B. Pratt presented a report on the Narrative, which was docketed.

Rev. J. S. White of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported that the paper from Harmony Presbytery is all that has come into the hands of the committee, which it was recommended that Synod receive as information, and spread upon its Minutes. Adopted.

The paper is as follows:

Overture to Synod from the Presbytery of Harmony:—Inasmuch as it appears on page 9 of Minutes, that Synod directed the Presbytery of Harmony to meet in this house this afternoon, Oct. 22d, 1884, that is, in the Presbyterian Church in Greenville, this Presbytery feels constrained, on Constitutional grounds, to record its dissent from this exercise of power on the part of the Synod.

Adopted in Presbytery, at Sumter, April the 14th, 1885

W. W. Mills, Moderator,
W. A. Gregg, Stated Clerk.

Gen. W. L. T. Prince presented and Synod adopted the following report of the Committee on Finance:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the only matter referred to them was the report of the Treasurer of Synod, which they have examined and find correct and properly vouched. This report shows a balance in the Treasurer's possession of twenty-four and 55-100 dollars. We recommend that 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this meeting be printed, and that the following assessments be made on the Presbyteries: Bethel, $40; Harmony, $40; South Carolina, $35; Charleston, $30; Enoree, $30;—$175.

W. L. T. Prince, Chairman.

Rev. R. A. Webb of the Committee to prepare a Minute concerning Rev. L. H. Robinson, deceased, asked leave to report at the next meeting. Granted.

Rev J. G. Law presented the report of the Committee on Publication, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Publication respectfully submit the following report: The Synod having listened to the exceedingly interesting, instructive and encouraging address of the Rev. James K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee of Publication, would take this opportunity to express its unreserved confidence in the present management of the work of the Committee, and cordially commend its publications to our ministers, churches and Sabbath schools. We recommend that our ministers call the attention of their congregations to the Synod's expression of confidence in the work, and endeavor to secure liberal contributions to this cause.

John G. Law, Chairman.

Rev. W. G. White reported, recommending the approval of the Records of Harmony Presbytery. Adopted.

On motion the Synod took up the place and time of the next meeting. Cheraw was chosen as the *place*, and Wednesday

before the fourth Sabbath in October, the 20th day, at 8 o'clock p. m., was selected as the *time*.

Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, R. A. Miller and G. S. Robinson, Synod of North Carolina, were invited to seats as corresponding members.

Col. F. W. McMaster, of the Committee on the Report of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, etc., reported, recommending that the report be received as information, and that the same officers be re-elected to serve for the ensuing year. The report was adopted.

The unfinished business was taken up and the Synod proceeded to the consideration of the third recommendation of the Report on the Theological Seminary.

Pending this business, the hour for the Centennial Celebration arrived, and Synod receded from business to engage in the Celebration, which was conducted according to the programme adopted, excepting that the reading of the historical sketch of Purity Church was omitted for want of time, and the presentation of a silver-mounted gavel, the gift of the Rev. G. T. Goetchius, was added.

At the conclusion of the Celebration, the Synod took recess until 4 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 o'clock p. m.

Synod, after resuming business, adopted, on motion of Rev. J. S. White, the following:

Resolved, That the Synod return its sincere thanks to the Rev. G. T. Goetchius for the gavel, which was formally presented during the Centennial Celebration, and that his letter conveying the same through the Rev. W. S. Bean, be published in the Minutes.

The following is the letter:

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, October, 1885.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod of South Carolina, in Session at Chester, S. C., October, 1885:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Will you do me the honor, on this your Centennial occasion, to accept this gavel, to be used at

your annual sittings? It was made from a limb of the historic poplar tree, known in Georgia as "The Presbyterian Poplar," under which John Springer was ordained by the Presbytery of South Carolina July 2, 1790. I have not been able to get from the Records the names of those who were present. But my esteemed friend and brother, Reverend G. H. Cartledge, informs me that Francis Cummins, Robert C. Wilson, Daniel Thatcher, James Edwards and John Simpson were members of the Presbytery, and it is probable that these brethren took part in the services.

At that time John Newton and John Springer were the only Presbyterian ministers in Georgia, above Savannah. There was one at Savannah, and probably one at Darien, but no others. Georgia was missionary ground for the Presbytery of South Carolina, which was a component part of the Synod of the Carolinas.

Six years later, Moses Waddell, Robert M. Cunningham and William Montgomery, all of Georgia, having in the meantime been ordained, were, with John Springer, John Newton and all the churches in Georgia, set off to constitute the Presbytery of Hopewell, which held its first meeting at Liberty Church, March 16, 1797. John Springer was Moderator of that Presbytery. Three months later, John Newton died, June 17, 1797; and John Springer died September 19, 1798, aged fifty-two years. These venerable servants of God, and pioneers of Presbyterianism in Georgia and Carolina, have long since entered into rest; but the poplar tree still lives, majestic in its proportions, erect and firmly rooted in its native soil.

It stands on the premises of Mr. Charles A. Alexander, himself an elder of the Washington (Ga.) Church. Its top has been killed by lightning, but its present height is not less than one hundred feet; and, three feet from the ground, it is twenty-three feet in circumference.

But more enduring, more beautiful and more to be desired and defended, are those grand principles and sacred doctrines implanted by our Presbyterian ancestry who worshipped beneath its branches one hundred years ago.

With great respect, I am,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE T. GOETCHIUS.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Chairman of the Committee on the Map, conveying to Synod the map which had been prepared, and which hand hung in the church during the Centennial exercises.

On motion, the thanks of Synod were returned to Bro. Jacobs for his labor in preparing the map, and the Treasurer

was instructed to return to him any expense to which he had been put on that account; and it was also resolved, that the same Committee be continued, with instructions to correct any errors that may exist in the locatian of the churches, and to inquire into the cost of photo-lithographing the map and printing it in our Minutes; the Committee to report at the next meeting.

On motion, the thanks of the Synod were returned to the brethren who have prepared the Historical Sketches for this occasion, and they were requested to turn over these papers to the Historian of Synod.

On motion, the Centennial Discourse of Dr. Girardeau was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Rev. G. R. Brackett, and Dr. H. E. Shepherd, with authority to publish the same if the way be clear.

Rev. Geo. Summey presented, and Synod adopted, the following resolution:

The Synod hereby records the gratification it feels in having heard the addresses of Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., and John W. Davis, D. D., on the subject of Foreign Missions, and expresses its deep interest in the work in which they are engaged.

The unfinished business was taken up. The third recommendation of the report on the Seminary was further considered, and was finally adopted by a vote of 56 to 24. The ayes and noes were called and ordered to be recorded, and are as follows:

Ayes—D Harrison, L R McCormick, J S White, T R English, M R Kirkpatrick, W B Jennings, W H Taylor, Edwin Muller, A A Morse, A A James, T H Law, D A Todd, J W Query, MC Britt, Jas. McDowell, H M Brearley, W A Gregg, N W Edmunds, Robt Bradley, J S Cozby, J L McLin, W W Mills, T C Whalin, W S Bean, T F Boozer, J B Adger, R A Fair, R C Ligon, S L Morris, W G Neville, J McL Seabrook, W T Matthews, A M Hassell, J W Ashford, W A McDowell, S McCormick, W D Knox, A H White, Mortimer Glover, D R Anderson, N J Holmes, R J Stoddard, Jas. Bell, W T Russel, W A Nicholson, J B Jennings, J J James, Jas. McCutchen, Jos. B Wilson, A L Shaw, H W Bradley, J D Smith, W D Rhodes, J D Blanding, J M Carson, R H Wardlaw, G F Tolly, S Johnstone, J O Turnipseed—59.

Noes—J Lowrie Wilson, J C McMullen, W G White, D E Jordan R A Webb, J R McAlpine, Geo. Summey, C S Vedder, Jno R Dow, J B Mack, D S McAllister, J G Law, D E Frierson, P M Spence, T

B Ratchford, R B Folkes, G H Neely, A R Banks, E M Atkinson, T E Cairns, D T Pope, A S Bedon, S F Estes, W D Johnson—24

Synod then took recess till 7:45 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:45 o'clock p. m.

Synod resumed business.

Rev. W. G. Vardell, of the Committee on the Records of the South Carolina Presbytery, reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. A. M. Hassell, of the Committee on the Records of Enoree Presbytery, reported that only printed copies of the Records, not certified to as official by the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery, had come into the hands of the Committee. On motion of Rev. W. A Gregg, the attention of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery was called to this matter, and he was instructed to send the Records up duly certified hereafter.

The unfinished business was taken up and the fourth recommendation of the Report on the Seminary was adopted.

Five and six were adopted, the latter by a rising vote.

Recommendation seven, touching the amendments to the Constitution, was not adopted by the Synod, but the amendments proposed were referred back to the Board.

Eight and nine were then adopted, and finally the Report as a whole, excepting recommendation seven, which was amended as above.

Rev. J. C. McMullen, in behalf of Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., tendered the latter's resignation as a Director of the Theological Seminary. The resignation was, on motion, accepted.

The resignation of the Rev. D. E. Frierson, D. D., was also accepted.

The Synod then proceeded to fill the vacancies which thus occurred.

The Rev. S. L. Morris was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by Dr. Frierson's resignation, to serve two years, and Elder J. A. Smyth, to fill the vancancy occasioned by Dr. Mack's resignation, to serve one year.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education was read and adopted as follows:

The Standing Committee on Education report: The letter of the Secretary of Education, which has been placed in our hands, shows a very gratifying increase of candidates for the ministry. It also reports the pressing need on the part of the committee of money to meet the increased expenses of the committee thus imposed upon it. To this state of things the attention of our churches is hereby called, and they are urged to enlarged liberality in their collections for this department of our work.

The Synod then took from the docket and adopted the following

NARRATIVE:

Your Committee would report, that it appears from the several Narratives from the different Presbyteries, that our churches have been generally supplied, to some extent at least, with the means of grace, the labors of our theological students during their summer vacation having been to a large extent utilized to supply the deficiency of ministerial labor But four of our ministers are reported as having died during the Synodical year, which we regard as a solemn admonition to us to have our lamps trimmed and burning, to be as servants who expect their Lord and Master Considerable additions are reported to our churches by some, if not all, our Presbyteries, but the number appears to us very inconsiderable when contrasted with the labor expended. Several Presbyteries report the successful labors of their Evangelists, but it appears that all our Presbyteries are not as yet supplied with this important arm of service in the destitute portions of their fields, which should be regarded as indispensable. From the reference made in one of the Naratives to the entire absence of cases of judicial discipline reported, we are constrained to infer, not that the churches are in a remarkably healthy condition, but rather that serious offences and glaring irregularities are too generally winked at, and would take occasion to emphasize the fact, too apt to be forgotten, that then only is the word of God preached with its true power and purpose when the Church itself makes an unmistakable difference between him that feareth God and him that openly fears him not. Contributions to the benevolent enterprises of the Church are reported as being generally attended to, but the numerous blanks in our Statistical Reports and the meagre amounts that stand against the names of most of our churches, would seem to argue that in pecuniary matters at least, most of our people are living unto themselves, not unto Him that died for us and rose again It were well

for ministers and people to lay to heart the Master's solemn interrogation: "If, therefore, you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who shall commit to your trust the true riches?"

And, lastly, the lamentable report continues to come in from all quarters of dismantled family altars, or of family altars never builded, and of the continued, if not increasing, neglect of family religion. So much has been said on this topic by our ecclesiastical courts, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies, that little remains to be said; but the inquiry is deserving of the solemn consideration of all Christian people: Where will have gone the power of professed godliness, and how much saltness will be left to the salt, when Christian parents no longer read the Bible to their households, but that matter is left to the individual choice of old and young; and when the professed servants of God are so far from training up their baptized children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that they do not even read to them daily, and with solemn purpose, the words of eternal life?

H. B PRATT,
EDWIN MULLER.

Rev. Jno. R. Dow, of the Committee on Leave of Absence, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Leave of Absence report as follows: Rev. J. R. Riley, D. D., Rev. W. J. McKay, Rev. W. P. Jacobs and Rev. J. Y. Fair have been excused for non-attendance at the present meeting. The following have received leave of absence from our present meeting after Saturday afternoon: Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Rev. D. X. Lafar, Rev. Jas. Douglass, Rev. G. R. Brackett, D D., Rev. Wm. F. Junkin, D. D., Rev. C. E. Chichester, Rev J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. J. H. Thornwell, Rev. W. F. Pearson, Rev H. B. Pratt, Rev. R A. Mickle, Rev. J. P. Marion, Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., Rev. W. F. Thompson, D. D, and Elders, J. Adger Smyth, H. E. Shepherd, Dr. B. F. Wyman, I. N. Withers, R. M. Otts, T. J. Nichols, R. L. Hickland, J. F. Kelly, J. F Dorroh, S. R. Todd, W. B. Love, F. W. McMaster, G. McD. Miller, J. J. Smith, T. R. Nisbet, Thomas Stenhouse, Dr. E. M. Atkinson, R. C. Farr and Dr. O. M. Doyle

JOHN R. DOW, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. W. G. Neville, Synod invited Rev. Luther McKinnon, President of Davidson College, to address the body concerning that Institution; and at the conclusion of his address, Synod, on motion of Rev. S. L. Morris, adopted the following:

Resolved, That Synod has heard with pleasure the Rev. Luther McKinnon, President of Davidson College, and would cordially

recommend that Institution to all our people as eminently worthy of their patronage.

The Synod then heard and adopted the following

Minutes Concerning Deceased Ministers:

REV. E. F. HYDE.

After a long and painful illness Rev. EZEKIEL FOSTER HYDE died at his home in Anderson County, S. C., October 22, 1884, aged seventy years, five months and twenty-one days. Sometime in the summer previous to his death he penned the following narrative of his own history in a blank book, which was found by his family shortly after his decease, but as it was not completed, it was thought that the further writing was arrested by the great change for the worse that came upon him in the month of August, and from which he never rallied. The narrative reads thus:

"Rev. E. F. Hyde was born near Sincoe, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, May 1st, 1814. His father, Sherman Hyde, was born in the State of Connecticut, a descendant of an English family, that settled Connecticut in Colonial times. Sherman Hyde married Anna Lodor, in New Jersey, a descendant of the family by that name that emigrated from England to Holland; and then to America. He went to Canada sometime anterior to the war of 1812. He had seven sons and two daughters, of which five sons and two daughters survived him at his decease about 1825. E. F. Hyde, the third son, went to the State of New York in the fall of 1832, and continued to reside in that State till the fall of 1841, when he came to the State of South Corolina. During his residence in the State of New York, he become a member of the Presbyterian Church; his religious training had been in the Church of England, or Episcopal Church of Canada. When about twenty one years of age, he became impressed with a sense of duty to prepare for entrance upon the work of preaching the Gospel.

"His education had only been that of the primary or common school in Canada. He prosecuted the studies preparatory to admission into College under the training of Captain Richard Ashley, and also the studies of the Freshman Class; Captain Ashley was a graduate of West Point United States Millitary Academy. He graduated at Union College in the Class of 1841. In October, 1841, he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and completed the course of studies in that Institution in the class of 1844. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Charleston Presbytery, at the Spring session of 1844, at Columbia, S. C. In the fall of 1844, he was called to be the pastor of Aveleigh, Smyrna and Gilder's Creek churches, in Newberry County, S. C. His connection as licentiate having been transferred to the South Carolina Presbytery, he was ordained by that Presbytery, at the Spring session, 1845, at Gilder's Creek Church, "sine titulo," and was installed pastor of the above churches, by action of Presbytery, Fall session, 1845."

Here the personal narrative ends, and it is greatly to be regretted, for, of course, he could give a fuller and more correct statement of the various events of his own life than any one else

From other sources it is learned that, when he left Canada, he came to Schenectady, New York, where he engaged to work for a gentle-

man who was a saddler by trade, and while employed in this business he became concerned about his soul; but in due time obtained a hope of his sins being pardoned and of his acceptance with God. Before connecting himself, however, with any Church, he examined the creeds of all Christian Churches, as also their forms of Church Government; and after mature deliberation, decided in favor of the Presbyterian Church. When he began studying in view of the Gospel ministry, it was for a long time his custom to work at his trade all day and to pursue his studies at night. Largely by his own exertions, working at his trade and teaching school, he acquired the means to enable him to get through college. While a theological student, he taught a singing school during his vacations to raise funds necessary to meet his expenses. But, oftentimes, he was the recipient of valuable presents (money and other things) from parties to him unknown, thus showing that his course was approved of by his fellow men, as also by Him who rules all the events of the whole universe.

His first regular work in the ministry was in Newberry County, where he became a pastor shortly after leaving the Seminary, and where he was much esteemed and appreciated. The pastoral relations, however, only lasted three or four years. His next preaching was at Liberty Springs and Duncan's Creek churches, in Laurens County. In 1852 he went to Waterford, Mississippi, where he preached four years, and was desired to become the pastor of the church, but circumstances compelled him to return to South Carolina; and he often regretted having to return because he thought Providence had designed him to labor in Mississippi. After returning to South Carolina he preached at different times to the churches of Warrior's Creek and New Harmony, in Laurens County; of Williamston and Belton, in Anderson County; of Mt Calvary and Antioch, in Spartanburg County; of Richland and Retreat, in Oconee County, and of Providence and Rocky River, in Abbeville County. Also, while preaching to the above churches, he taught school at Cross Hill, in Laurens County; at Reidville, in Spartanburg County; at Richland, in Oconee County, and at Townsville, in Anderson County; and being a ripe scholar he was an instructor of a high order.

For the past several years his health was such that he was unable to preach regularly, so he obtained an agency to sell Bibles for the American Bible Society; and through heat and cold, pelting rains and driving winds, over the hills of the up-country and through the sands and malaria of the low-country, he ceased not, when he was able, to carry the Word of God to the houses of those who had it not, to commend that Word, and whenever occasion offered itself, to preach the Gospel to the glory of God and for the good of those for whose spiritual welfare he was traveling from day to day, from week to week, from month to month and from year to year.

In the year 1845 he married Miss C. A. Hammond, a sister of Ex-Gov. Hammond, but she only lived about three years after their marriage. One daughter was born to them, who still lives, and is said to be an ornament to the Presbyterian Church at Beech Island, in Aiken County, S. C.

In 1850 he married Miss N. A. Hunter, of Laurens County, who with five daughters, all residing in Anderson County, survives him, and deeply feels her great bereavement by his death. It was his privilege during his life time, to see all of his children members of God's Covenant Church. Bro. Hyde was eminently a godly man. His whole life was a manifestation of sincere piety. For more than fifty years he was a professor of the religion of Jesus Christ, and for

more than forty years a preacher of the Gospel, and yet never was there a blight on his Christian character. He was modest, gentle and unassuming in society and amongst his brethren; was an earnest and instructive preacher of the Gospel; and in private conversation was specially entertaining. To know him well was to love and to appreciate him most. His faith was strong and his end was peace. The Master called him and there is every reason to believe that his spirit is in glory.

REV. Z. L. HOLMES.

Rev Zelotes Lee Holmes was born on the 3d of January, 1815. He was the son of Alanson Holmes and Olive (Lee) Holmes, who were at that time residing at Sheridan, Chatauqua County, New York. They were pious, consistent, earnest Christians, who sought to rear their children within the Covenant. At the early age of three years he was left without a father's care, and when only a lad of twelve he lost his mother, and was thus early thrown upon his own resources. Of these early struggles, Mr Holmes himself gives us a picture in a foot-note to certain valuable genealogical accounts of the Simpson family, which were found among his papers. He says: "The author, without patrimony, from three years of age fatherless, at 12 motherless, and fostered by the unpaid exertions of an older brother, felt in duty bound to assume the risk of self-support, and at the age of 17 the purpose of an education was fixed, and fixed too, with a veil of impenetrable darkness hanging over the future" To secure some little out-fit, a service of two or three weeks as chain-carrier to a party of surveyors was rendered He then went to Buffalo, where a distant relative provided him board and incidentals in lieu of services in the care of a medical office. He now attended a classical academy, taking each day a three miles' walk This was during the winter of 1831-2 Next, an education society loaned him $75 a year, to be paid when able, and this was supplemented with garden work at five cents an hour. Thus preparation for college was completed. In the town of Meadville, Pa., where the college was situated, the commissioners had suspended upon the Court House a large bell To secure uniformity of time a subscription of $75 was secured among the citizens and a room was given by the Commissioners, for the duty of ringing the bell three times daily. This position he secured. His provisions were obtained from a lady near by, were kept in a kind of camp-chest and dispatched cold. Thus two years of college life were spent, when it became necessary for him to seek a warmer climate in consequence of threatened ill-health A year was now passed in an abortive effort at mechanical labor, to procure funds for a southern journey. At length, selling books and private property, he first visited friends in Illinois. He applied for work at a carriage factory, but was refused As he was leaving, a pocket Testament, slipping from his pocket, attracted attention, and he received remunerative employment at once. He here constructed a skiff, intending to use it in propelling himself down to the head of navigation. He there sold it and took deck passage on a steamer to St. Louis, partly working his own way. One day, while undecided as to his future, he was walking along the river front; he saw a steamer with the sign out, "For the Ohio." Without a moment's consideration, and on the spur of the moment, he got aboard the already moving boat and was

off. Thus, as by an accident, his future was settled for the South. In a few days he found himself happily situated on that singular hill overlooking the city of Knoxville, where stands the University of East Tennessee. Just at this juncture, a re-organization of one of the city Sunday schools demanding a new superintendent, he was selected for the position, and was thus introduced to a large circle of friends, his association with them extending over a period of two and a half years, till his graduation In 1839, he reached the Theological Seminary in the city of Columbia Here he was aided by an Education Society and was enabled, by a situation which he obtained in a Young Ladies' Seminary as Professor of Mathematics, to cancel debts contracted in his previous efforts to obtain an education

Mr Holmes was graduated from the Seminary in the class of 1842, along with Rev. Drs. David E. Frierson and Abner A. Porter, for whom he always had a tender recollection, often speaking with sincerest affection of the companions of his early years In that same year he was licensed and preached his first sermon in Nazareth Church, Spartanburg County, of which church he was ordained pastor, June 28th, 1844. During the winter of 1842, Mr Holmes, while yet a licentiate, began preaching in the city of Spartanburg, then a small country village Mainly as the result of these labors, a church was organized on the fifth Sabbath of April, 1843, and on the records of the newly organized church appears the statement that "it was also understood that Rev. Mr. Holmes, a licentiate, who had been preaching once a month in the village of Spartanburg through the winter be continued." This arrangement continued until Mr. Holmes' removal to Laurens County in 1849.

That important event in life, which so often changes its whole current came to Mr. Holmes, December 4, 1844, when he was most happily married to Miss Kate N. Nickels, a daughter of Dr. John Nickels, of Laurens County. This marriage was truly a blessed thing for Mr. Holmes, giving him a help-mate who in his many trials held up his hands, who looked well to the ways of his house and in a multitude of directions made light for him the burdens of his ministry. They were the parents of twelve children, five of whom were early translated and seven survive, all of them filling useful and honored positions in society, thus evidencing the truthfulness of God's promises to those who seek to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

In 1849, Mr. Holmes resigned his pastoral charge and moved to Laurens County, with which he became in a short while thoroughly identified and remained so to the day of his death. He went at once to work in various ways in the county In 1855, at the resignation of Rev. Mr. Stewart, he took charge of the Rocky Spring Church, supplying also, as opportunity offered, other churches in the neighborhood, especially the ancient church of Duncan's Creek. In 1855, his ministry was blessed by the reception of 40 members at one time at Rocky Spring, and again the same number in 1860 and still again in 1871. About this time, he began preaching at a stand in the corporate limits of the little village of Clinton. After about three years' work on the 28th of July, 1855, he was privileged to organize a church, beginning with thirty members and which has since grown to be one of the largest churches of the Presbytery. Still later, in 1859, he was partly instrumental in the organization of the Shady Grove Church. Both of these churches he supplied for many years.

In 1858, Mr. Holmes was elected one of the Professors in the Lau-

rensville Female College, which had been recently established under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina, and in the establishment of which he had most heartily entered. For years he served it faithfully, devoting to its advancement his untiring energies. For his chosen department, that of the Natural Sciences, he was peculiarly fitted by his early training and by the peculiar bent of his own tastes. He was exceedingly fond of studies in Astronomy, Geology and Physics, and kept abreast of the scientific discoveries of the age. Mr. Holmes remained in this position, which was not one of emolument, until 1871, when his failing health admonished him to husband his strength.

He now devoted himself to more active work, laboring as a missionary throughout Laurens County. Partly as the result of these labors, Lisbon Church was organized in 1871, and a vast amount of very poorly requited work was done in many of the feeble and destitute churches of the county.

Mr. Holmes had a great fondness for the young, and at one time began a school, on a most excellent plan, for boys in his own dwelling, but his health compelled its relinquishment. Still later, in 1880, he was elected Professor of Natural Science, in Clinton College, a young Presbyterian Institute, and served for one year, when for the same cause he was compelled to retire. In recognition of his many valuable services to the cause of education in the county, he was elected in 1882, by a handsome vote, to the position of School Commissioner for Laurens County.

But disease had already begun to make inroads upon his constitution. He was preparing to die, but death found him busy. He was, even while often in great pain, laboring faithfully at Goldville and Dorroh for the establishment of churches, and as usual, with but little hope of fee or reward. At the same time he was supplying the pulpits of Shady Grove and Duncan's Creek Churches, to which he had been preaching for many years. At length, on the 17th January, after a brief illness, he fell asleep.

In his last moments on earth, while afflicted friends and relatives stood about his bed, he said in a calm, earnest voice: "Death is utterly unterrifying to me. The grace of the Lord has been enough for me always. It is more than sufficient for me now." And then this good soldier finished his course and took his rest.

His funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Y. Fair. He was buried in the Wright Cemetery, among loved ones who had crossed the river before him. He had just filled out his three score and ten brave years of warfare in the Master's service.

This record of a useful life, which is but a brief outline, simple as it is, makes a eulogy of our departed father in Christ unnecessary. It needs but to add a few points to fill up the picture.

As a member of Presbytery and Synod, he was most faithful. Seldom indeed, was a meeting of either body held in which he was not present. When present, he was attentive to the business before him and spoke not often, but earnestly and to the point. He was a moving spirit in the organization of Enoree Presbytery, and was almost uniformly present at its stated meetings. He several times represented his Presbytery in the General Assembly.

As a preacher, Mr. Holmes was characterized by great exactness, earnestness and fidelity to the truth. Not only were many churches organized, but although not a revivalist, many souls were converted under his preaching. He was never dull. He never smeared the walls of Zion with untempered mortar.

But it was as a friend that Mr. Holmes won the warmest place in the hearts of hundreds. He was true, kind and sympathetic, generous wherever it lay in his power, exceedingly cordial and attentive to those who came to his house, and was himself a welcome visitor throughout the county. Few men were so sincerely lamented as he. His death has made a vacancy in many a household.

It is a delightful task to lay this wreath of affectionate remembrance upon his tomb by those who knew and appreciated his worth.

REV. T. H. LEGARE.

THOMAS HANSCOME LEGARE departed this life at the home of his son-in-law (Capt. Jno. A. Hamilton) at Orangeburg, S. C., on the 10th July, 1885, at the age of seventy-four. He was the youngest of nine children of Thomas Legare, of Charleston, an elder of Circular Church, distinguished for piety and liberality.

The deceased was educated at Yale College, being a member of the class of 1833, and was the associate of such men as Dr. C. R. McLellan, Dr. S. G. Buckingham, Geo. Edward Day and others of like fame. Breaking down in health by intense study, he was ordered home to recruit, and so did not graduate with his class. He was, however, elected valedictorian and his degree was sent him in appreciation of his labors. He was married in 1832 to Susan McCall Matthews, who survives him. He leaves a son, Dr. T. B Legare, and a daughter, Mrs. Hamilton.

The deceased took a course in Columbia Seminary, after which he was pastor for two years of the Aiken church, for four years of the John's Island Church, and twice he served the Orangeburg Church for eight years. A throat affection and delicate state of health from early youth, aggravated by an intensely studious and active mind, rendered him always an invalid.

For several years he labored in the cause of the "American Sunday School Union," planting hundreds of seed in desert places, now blooming as wide-spreading trees. In this work his strength gave way, and rest for the tired soldier was forced.

Yet he was out Sabbath after Sabbath among the poor and the negroes, and with his latest breath and last strength he spoke for his Master.

Mr. Legare's home-life was life in a sanctuary that he made always about him. He had no time for any study other than God's Word. For the past twenty years, a near friend says, he spent hours before day dawn with his Bible, and at night he fell asleep with the Book in his hand. It was thumb-worn and marked with notes. The promises were his heritage. His faith was a child's, simple and unquestioning. He could not understand how any one could doubt. When Sherman passed through the State, his home, library, all was burned. But he was brave. With his axe he hewed from the forest a frame for a dwelling, and he lived in a house he built (the monument of a brave old man's work) for fifteen years. Latterly he spent a quiet time at his son-in-law's. He had been ailing, but was not in bed. He sat with the Bible Concordance on his knees, and an outline of a sermon, when the call came. His head sank with a faint groan; the servant had gone home. Not a pang, not a tremor; a sweet peace on his face; a glorious calm on his brow. He had often prayed that

God would spare him suffering in death. His prayer was heard. He scarcely died; it seemed a translation.

The marked prominence of Mr. Legare was his catholicity of spirit, and his severe abhorrence of duplicity.

He rebuked treachery in unmistakable terms; yet he had a heart soft as a child's to forgive.

A good man is at rest. One whose name is unsullied, whose record attests the value of our blessed religion.

His aged widow waits, as only a saint may, to join him She said: "Too much mercy is mingled in this for sorrow. *All is well.*"

REV. HUGH STRONG.

After a short sickness of two weeks, the Rev. Hugh Strong departed this life, at 4½ o'clock p. m., on Sabbath, the 29th of March last, at his home in Walhalla, S. C. Just two weeks before his death he preached in the morning at Retreat, and in the afternoon at Westminster. In the latter church while preaching, he became quite warm from a hot stove, which stood near the pulpit. He rode home that evening, a distance of eight miles, and was perfectly chilled, exposed as he was to a cold wind. He contracted a cold, which resulted in a severe case of pneumonia, which issued in his death.

The Rev. Hugh Strong was the son of Mr. Jas. Strong, late of Chester, S. C. His parents were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was brought up and trained in the church of his parents. He withdrew from that church, and connected himself with our branch of the Church, in which he became a minister, and labored for eighteen years. He died in the 51st year of his age.

The Rev. Hugh Strong was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1860, and that with the highest honors. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Bethel Presbytery, at Fishing Creek, in April, 1867. Before his licensure he taught for several years a large and flourishing school at Mayesville, Sumter County, S. C.

In June, 1867, he was married to Miss Cornelia Gregg, daughter of Rev. George Cooper Gregg, for many years the pastor of Salem Black River Church, of Harmony Presbytery. By this marriage there were four daughters born, three of whom, quite young, remain, with their widowed mother, to deplore their great loss. Leaving Mayesville, Rev. Hugh strong supplied for a short time Beersheba and other churches in York County, after which he was called to be the pastor of Liberty Springs Church, Laurens County, now Enoree Presbytery. Having been ordained and installed, he served this church for about seven years. During this pastorate he also supplied Smyrna Church, Newberry County, and Ninety-Six Church, Abbeville County. His labors were faithful, laborious and successful.

In 1878 he was elected a Professor in Adger College, at Walhalla, S. C., where he labored earnestly up to the time of his sickness. During his connection with this College, he supplied the churches of Retreat, Westminster, Bethel and Ebenezer.

As a man, he was of strongly marked character, worthy of imitation; as a scholar, ripe and classical; as a Christian, meek and exemplary; as a theologian, teacher and preacher, of great ability.

His earthly Sabbaths have ended. We trust he has entered upon the eternal Sabbath of heaven—the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

Rev. W. A. Gregg offered, and Synod adopted, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered this congregation and community for the cordial hospitality extended to its members, and that the pastor of this church be requested to inform his congregation of this action of Synod; also, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the railroad authorities who allowed its members to pass over their roads at reduced rates.

The Minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction, to meet in Cheraw, Wednesday, October 20th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

W. W. MILLS,
Moderator.

THOMAS H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

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COMMEMORATIVE ODE.

BY CHAS. S. VEDDER, D. D.

I.

Our fathers' God, who dost abide
Unchanged, whilst changing all beside;
Whose Hand appoints each varying lot
With loving care that varies not—
Give ear, whilst grateful praises tell
Thy mercies to our Israel!

II.

Here once the savage roamed at will
O'er wastes untenanted and still,
Save when from out the wild beast's lair
His fierce defiance smote the air,
And men as fierce and wild as he
Waged ceaseless strife for mastery.

III.

Thy Hand the wondrous change hath made—
Now peace enfolds each glen and glade;
Where danger lurked in brake or fen,
Men now lay wait in love for men;
These scenes no beast, no savage roams,
They smile to Thee in Christian homes;

IV.

In temples high and fair, that rise
To tell of home beyond the skies;
In hearts which to that home aspire
With patient faith and pure desire;
In laws inscribed on parchment rolls
More deeply writ in human souls!

V.

Our fathers, Thou, with gracious Hand,
Didst beckon to this waiting land;
Didst guide o'er pathless land and sea,
This land to make a path to Thee;
Didst bind in kindred faith and aim
Their differing blood and clime and name!

VI.

From Scotland's hills of heather bloom;
From France, where truth had found a tomb;
From Derry's stern, unconquered town;
From England's proud, proscriptive frown;
From many lands, our fathers came,
This land to win for Jesus' name!

VII.

Whilst some had sought its distant strand
In lust of power, or greed of hand,
A fortune's spendthrift wound to heal,
Or new adventure's joy to feel,
The sail that sped their low intent
Its wings to holiest purpose lent;

VIII.

It bore thy Word's undarkened light;
Our Scripture creed and simple rite;
Our Church, with Christ its only Head,
And by the present Spirit led;
Our Rule, where each hath place and part;
Our test of fitness—change of heart.

IX.

In many a scattered group and band,
Our fathers first possessed this land;
By many a weary league apart,
No tie could join them, but the heart;
No mutual bond of outward name,
No common rule for common aim

X.

But now an hundred years have rolled
Above a close, coherent fold—
Our severed cords together met,
Our strengthened stakes in order set,
Our bounds, of varied, wide extent,
In dear, symmetric union blent!

XI.

Be Thine the praise, our fathers' God,
And ever Thine the land they trod!
Be ours the joy to keep it Thine
By lives that with Thy presence shine!
May we our children's children see
Their fathers' footsteps tread to Thee;

XII.

Their fathers' Apostolic form
Uphold, extend, with zeal as warm;
Their fathers' might in prayer excel
And burning love for Israel,
That age to after age many sing
Its worthier praise to Christ our King;

XIII.

Our conquering Lord; our Covenant Head;
Our Life for life, and from the dead;
Our help, our hope, our comeliness,
Our peace, and perfect Righteousness;
Our all, for all Earth's years unfold;
Our ALL, when all earth's years are told!

APPENDIX.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presents the following Annual Report to the Synods:

The past year has been one of trial to the Seminary, but we hope that it is only the preparation for sending forth more purely and widely the Gospel of God to the Church and the world.

Instruction was given during the last session in all departments up to December 10th, 1884, and after that time in all except that of Natural Science in connection with Revelation.

Instruction during this session has been given by Rev. Dr. Girardeau, the only member of the Faculty; by Rev. Dr. Tadlock, who was elected Professor of Church Government and History, in January 1885; and by Rev. Dr. E. L. Patton who has been temporarily appointed Tutor of Hebrew, and who will also give some instruction in Greek.

PROFESSORSHIPS.

Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Science.—On December 10th, 1884, Rev. Dr. Hemphill sent in his resignation, requesting that it take effect July 1st, 1885, which was the close of the Seminary year. It was accepted, and in January, 1885, Rev. Dr. J. A. Lefevre, of Baltimore, was elected to fill the vacancy. He declined, and in May, 1885, Mr. G. Vos was elected as "Provisional Instructor" in that department, the Board at that time not seeing the way clear to elect a professor. He at first accepted, but afterwards withdrew his acceptance. To fill the vacancy, the Board in August, 1885, elected Rev. Dr. C. C. Hersman, the President of Westminster College, Mo.

Church Government and History.—On December 10th, 1884, Rev. Dr. Boggs sent in his resignation, requesting that it take effect June 30th, 1885, the close of the Seminary year. It was accepted and in January, 1885, the Board elected Rev. Dr. J. D.

Tadlock, the President of King College, Tenn., to fill the vacancy; who has signified his willingness to accept the position.

In May, 1885, the Board, deeming it essentially important that there should be at least two instructors present at the beginning of the next session, earnestly requested Dr. Tadlock to enter upon the duties of his chair in September. He has complied with our request, and is discharging those duties with great acceptance. Indeed, without his presence and aid, it might have been necessary to temporarily suspend the exercises of the Institution.

Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.—In August, 1885, the Board elected to this professorship Rev. Dr. C. R. Vaughan, of Virginia.

Didactic and Polemic Theology.—In October, 1885, Rev. Dr. Girardeau sent in his resignation, to take effect at the expiration of the six months required by the Constitution, or, if the Board desire it, at the close of the present session. Dr. Girardeau was urged by the Board to withdraw his resignation, but declined to do so. The matter was then postponed to the next meeting of the Board.

Natural Science in Connection with Revelation.—At the meeting of the Board on December 10th, 1884, it was made known that all four of the controlling Synods had disapproved of the teaching of Evolution in their Seminary; that three of them had disapproved of the views of Prof. Woodrow (as contained in his Address), and instructed the Board to prevent such views from being taught, and also to take whatever steps were necessary to do this. In the judgment of a majority of the Board this action of the Synods made Prof. Woodrow "incompetent to the discharge of his duties" as a professor in the Seminary belonging to these Synods, since he could no longer (unless he recanted these views) be their proper representative. Especially was this the case, because he had publicly announced that hereafter he would have to say that the doctrine of Evolution was probably true.

The Board at first requested Prof. Woodrow to resign. This he declined to do; for, while in his reply, affirming that he had "no desire to continue to teach in the name and by the authority of the Synods which control the Seminary, since they had expressed disapprobation of "his views"; while not denying that he had publicly announced that he would hereafter teach that Evolution was probably true; and while asserting that three of the four Synods had condemned, with greater or less clearness, his views as unscriptural and contrary to our standards; yet, in that reply, he called in question the "justice and rightfulness" of the action of these Synods, as being "illegal

in form and incorrect in fact", and then called on the Board to determine the question by a judicial investigation or full trial.

A resolution was then introduced, removing him from his professorship. Before considering this question, another resolution was adopted, inviting Prof. Woodrow to appear before the Board to show cause why the resolution of removal should not be adopted; and a committee was sent to thus invite him. To that committee he replied that he did "not desire to comply with the invitation" of the Board. The following paper was then adopted:

"INASMUCH AS, the Rev. Dr. James Woodrow, Perkins Professor, has declined to appear before the Board of Directors to show cause why he should not be removed from his professorship; and, inasmuch as, he has already had a full hearing in person before three of the Synods, and, through his friends and advocates, before the fourth Synod; and, inasmuch as, these Synods have already condemned his views and teachings on the subject of Evolution; and, inasmuch as, in his reply to the committee appointed to wait on him, Dr. Woodrow declares his unwillingness to tender his resignation; therefore,

"*Resolved*, 1. That he be, and hereby is, removed from his professorship, according to the authority given this Board. (See Constitution, Sec. 2, Articles 11 and 13.)"

In May, 1885, Rev. Dr. Hersman was elected to fill the vacancy thus caused. He declined to accept, and in August it was "Resolved, that the duties of the Perkins Professor be temporarily assigned to the different members of the Faculty."

In May, 1885, it was "Resolved, that the Synods be recommended to amend Art. 1, Sec. 3, of the Constitution, by adding 'and Christian Apologetics' after the word 'Revelation'; that the name of the Perkins Professorship be that of 'Natural Science in Connection with Revelation, and Christian Apologetics'."

STUDENTS.

There were 41 in attendance during the last session; 13 Seniors, 10 Middles, 15 Juniors and 3 in the Special Class. Up to the present time, in this session, there are 20; 5 Seniors, 4 Middles, 9 Juniors and 1 in the Special Class. Under the circumstances, this is encouraging, and if the Faculty had been full, or if the professors-elect had signified their acceptance, there would have been a much large number.

THE AGENCY.

The time for which Dr. Mack had been employed, ending December 31, 1885, the Board last May elected him for the

continuation of that work during 1886. He has, however, declined to accept.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The following are proposed to the Synods:

1. Add to Art. 2 of Sec. 1, the following sentence, "and a concurring majority in one of the others."
2. In Sec. 2, Art. 8, strike out the word, "two."
3. Strike out, in By-Law 4, the words, "in South Carolina. A committee to examine semi-annually the assets of the Seminary in Georgia."
4. In Sec. 3, Art. 1, add the words, "and Christian Apologetics" after the word, "Revelation."

PROFESSORS ELECT.

In electing the three professors whom we present for your approval, we have gone out of our four Synods, one object being to select men who were not connected with the controversy now distracting and dividing us, and around whom all could come, and thus heartily sustain the Seminary.

The persons presented for your approval are all of high standing in our Church, of over twenty-five years experience in the Gospel ministry, and of more or less experience in teaching.

LIST OF SECURITIES.

City of Columbia Bonds	$ 40,000 00
" " Savannah "	5,000 00
" " Charleston "	9,910 00
" " Mobile "	3,500 00
" " Augusta "	11,000 00
" " Memphis "	812 60
South Carolina Consols	28,316 69
Chester & Lenoir R R Bonds	25,500 00
Mobile & Ohio " "	5,000 00
Atlantic & Gulf " "	2,500 00
Georgia " "	4,000 00
Georgia " Stock	4,000 00
Central (Ga.) " Certificate	2,900 00
Bond and Mortgage, H A Meetze	1,500 00
" " " First Presbyterian Church, Columbia	1,500 00
" " " W H Stack	4,000 00
Amount carried forward	$149,439 29

Amount brought forward				$149,439 29
Bond and Mortgage,			Margaret Sloan	1,500 00
"	"	"	Clark Waring	2,500 00
"	"	"	A N Talley	4,000 00
"	"	"	George Lever	500 00
"	"	"	M A Boggs	3,500 00
"	"	"	A R Ranks	1,000 00
"	"	"	E C Bearden	2,000 00
"	"	"	Philip Motz	3,000 00
"	"	"	J S Coles	2,000 00
"	"	"	First Presbyterian Church, Columbia	500 00
"	"	"	J C Coit	3,500 00
"	"	"	Wm Sloane	500 00
"	"	"	W H Stewart	1,000 00
"	"	"	G W Loring	675 00
"	"	"	B F Griffin	2,000 00
"	"	"	S H Haskell	3,000 00
"	"	"	Jno T Sloan & Co	6,000 00
"	"	"	Parsonage First Pres. Ch., Columbia	3,000 00
"	"	"	Sumterville Church	150 00
Farmers' & Planters' Bank, Baltimore				3,325 00
Publication Committee Bonds				250 00
Spartanburg County Bonds				100 00
Note of Henry Moore				500 00
Charlotte Academy Stock				200 00
New South Coal Company				2,000 00
Cash on hand				3,500 00
Total				$208,639 29

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